PATENT (Docket No. IN-5562)

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In re Application of

Ines MANGELS et al.

Serial No.: 10/088,376

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For: Use of Associative Thickeners Based

on Polyurethane and/or Dipropylene Glycol Monoalkyl Ethers in Coloured

and/or Decorative Effect Multi-

Layered Lacquers

Group Art Unit: 1714

Examiner: Patrick Dennis Niland.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed on January 15, 2004, Applicants respond through their attorney as follows.